

Appl. No. 09/533,396
Amdt. dated September 2, 2004
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Remarks

The present amendment responds to an Examiner Interview on September 1, 2004.

Interview Summary

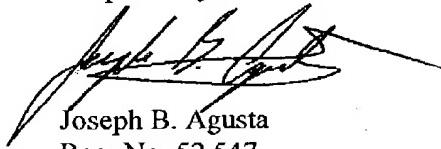
The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of a telephone interview concerning the above case on September 1, 2004. The interview consisted of two calls on the same day. In the first call, the Examiner mentioned that the claims defined over the prior art, but raised three formal issues concerning claims 1 and 7 which he indicated needed to be addressed before the claims could be allowed. First, in claims 1 and 7, The Examiner objected to wording such as "such that." Second, the Examiner objected to the relative language "maintaining simultaneous emulation of a relatively large number of traffic flows" as insufficiently clear. Third, the Examiner requested the citation of support for the claim language addressing the number of emulated traffic flows being larger than the number of processes used to emulate the number of emulated traffic flows.

In the second call, proposed amendments to claims 1 and 7 addressing the first two items were discussed. Also, it was noted that page 17, line 15 – page 18, line 6 of the present specification, for example, supports that the number of emulated flows may be much larger than a smaller constant number of processes. Specifically, for example, the test at page 18, lines 2-6 of the present specification states "an approach in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention will place no such bound and the overhead is independent of the number of flows [emulated], since only a small constant number (e.g., three) of processed is used, regardless of the number of flows."

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After discussing the proposed claim amendments and the cited portion of the specification, the Examiner agreed that these claims amended as shown herein address the formal issues raised and will place all the pending claims in order of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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